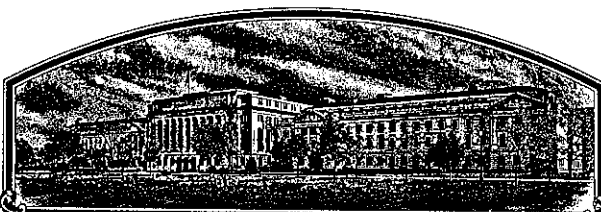


No.



8800127

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Northrup King Co.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE
Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *eighteen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (CAP. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'6847'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D. C. this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight.

Attest

Kenneth F. Evans
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Richard E. Lyng
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) <u>NORTHROP KING CO.</u> Coker's Pedigreed Seed Co.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	3. VARIETY NAME 6847
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) <u>P.O. Box 340 P.O. Box 959</u> <u>Hartsville, S.C. 29550</u> <u>MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440</u>		5. PHONE (Include area code) <u>803-332-7531</u>	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY VPPO NUMBER <u>8800127</u>
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME <u>Glycine max</u>	7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) <u>Leguminosae</u>		FILING DATE <u>April 13, 1988</u> TIME <u>1:30</u> <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.M.
8. KIND NAME <u>Soybean</u>	9. DATE OF DETERMINATION <u>March 1986</u>		FEES RECEIVED AMOUNT FOR FILING <u>\$ 1800.00</u> DATE <u>April 4, 1988</u> AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE <u>\$ 200.00</u> DATE <u>October 24, 1988</u>
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) <u>Corporation</u>		12. DATE OF INCORPORATION <u>June 12, 1918</u>	
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION <u>South Carolina</u>		13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS <u>J. J. Stanton Jr.</u> <u>P.O. Box 340</u> <u>Hartsville, S.C. 29550</u> <u>EDWARD C. RESLER</u> <u>GENERAL COUNSEL & SECRETARY</u> <u>P.O. Box 959 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440</u> PHONE (Include area code): <u>(803) 332-7531</u> <u>612-543-7335</u>	

14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED

- a. ☒ Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)
b. ☒ Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.
c. ☒ Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.)
d. ☒ Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.
e. ☒ Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.

15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)

☐ Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below)☒ No

16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?

☐ Yes☐ No

17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?

☐ Foundation☐ Registered☐ Certified

18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.?

☐ Yes (If "Yes," give date)☒ No

19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETING IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?

United States, 1988☒ Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates)☐ No

20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.

The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

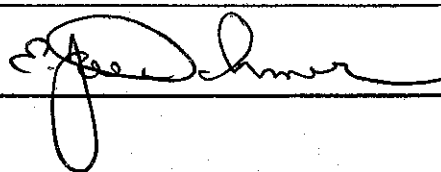
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

E. Joe Dahmer, President

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

March 31, 1988

14a. EXHIBIT A, Origin and Breeding History

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Gen.</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1978		Cross: F71-1180 x CN 281 F71-1180 later named 'Braxton' CN 281 later named 'Coker 368'
1979	F ₁	Grown in field
1979-80	F ₂ , F ₃	Generations advanced in winter greenhouse
1980	F ₄	Field F ₄ 216-240; Plants selected
1981	F ₅	Plant Row 4764
1982	F ₆	Replicated yield trial; Assigned breeding number Coker 82-606
1983	F ₇	Further company testing in S.C.
1984	F ₈	Company testing in S.C., Ga., and Ark.
1985	F ₉	Company and public agency testing; Breeder Seed Produced
1986	F ₁₀	Foundation Seed Produced
1987	F ₁₁	Registered and Certified Seed produced
1988	F ₁₂	Certified Seed Sold

Variants: 6847 may contain an occasional purple flowered off-type at a frequency of 1/15,000. This off-type has gray pubescence.

Evidence of Stability: While observing plants and seed for five generations, plant and seed characters have been uniform.

14b. EXHIBIT B, Novelty Statement

6847 Soybeans

6847 is most similar to Coker 368. However, 6847 is in Maturity Group VII whereas Coker 368 is in Maturity Group VIII. 6847 is highly resistant to stem canker whereas Coker 368 is moderately resistant. 6847 is moderately resistant to Peanut root knot nematode (M. arenaria) whereas Coker 368 is susceptible.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
 PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
 BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
 (Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
 SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME 6847
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 900 Darlington Hwy. P.O. Box 340 Hartsville, S.C. 29550		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 8800127

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,).

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
 3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
 4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff

2 = Yellow

3 = Brown

4 = Gray

5 = Imperfect Black

6 = Black

7 = Other (Specify) _____

6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low

2 = High

8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a)2 = Type B (SP1^b)

9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify) _____

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11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 21 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 21 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

14. POD COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 31 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 1

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 1 ☐ 01 = 000
9 = VI2 = 00
10 = VII3 = 0
11 = VIII4 = I
12 = IX5 = II
13 = X

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

☐ 2Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)☐ 0Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)☐ 2Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

☐ 0Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)☐

Race 1

☐

Race 2

☐

Race 3

☐

Race 4

☐

Race 5

☐ 1

Other (Specify)

unknown in Florida☐ 0Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)☐ 0Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐ 2Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)☐ 0Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐ 2Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

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FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

☐ Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)

☐ Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)

☐ Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)

Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)

☐ Race 1 ☐ Race 2 ☐ Race 3 ☐ Race 4 ☐ Race 5 ☐ Race 6 ☐ Race 7

☐ Race 8 ☐ Race 9 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

☐ Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)

☐ Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)

☐ Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)

☐ Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)

☐ Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)

☐ Race 1 ☒ Race 2 ☒ Race 3 ☒ Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

☒ Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)

☒ Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)

☐ Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)

☒ Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)

☐ Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)

☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

☐ Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil

☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

☐ Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)

☐ Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)

☐ Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

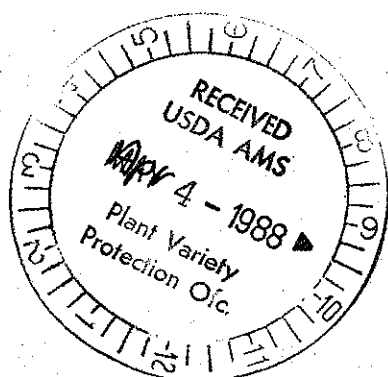
CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	Coker 368	Seed Coat Luster	Coker 368
Leaf Shape	Coker 368	Seed Size	Coker 368
Leaf Color	Coker 368	Seed Shape	Coker 368
Leaf Size	Coker 368	Seedling Pigmentation	Coker 368

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted	152	1.6	87					14.0	
Coker 368 Name of Similar Variety	160	1.7	92					14.3	

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

1. Caldwell, B.E., ed. 1973. Soybeans: Improvement, Production, and Uses. Amer. Soc. Agron. Monograph No. 16.
2. Buttery, B.R. and R.I. Buzzell. 1968. Peroxidase activity in seeds of soybean varieties. Crop Sci., 8: 722-725.
3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTi-A₂ in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop Sci., 13: 420-421.
4. Payne, R.C. and L.F. Morris. 1976. Differentiation of soybean cultivars by seedling pigmentation patterns. J. Seed Technol. 1: 1-19.



14d. EXHIBIT D, Additional Description of Variety

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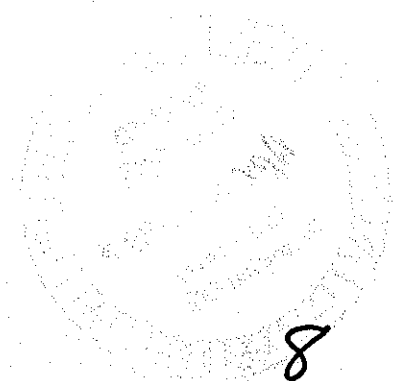
6847 is unique in Group VII in the following combination of characteristics:

1. Resistance to nematodes

- a. Meloidogyne incognita: Southern root knot
- b. Meloidogyne arenaria : Peanut root knot
- c. Heterodera glycines : Soybean Cyst race 3

2. Resistance to stem canker: similar to Braxton

- a. Reading of 0% infection at 3 locations, 3 reps each, in Georgia, 1986. Also similar to '6727' in stem canker reaction.
- b. Reading of 1.0 at Verona, MS and Marion, AR, 1986, Scale 1-5.
- c. Reading of 0% infection at 2 locations, 6 reps each, in Georgia, 1987.
- d. Readings of 0, scale 0-9 at Beaumont, Texas, 1987.
- e. Readings of 1.0 at Vaiden, MS and Marion, AR, 1987. Scale 1-5.



14e. EXHIBIT E, Statement of the Basis of
Applicants Ownership

6847 Soybeans

Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company is the sole, original and first breeder of the '6847' variety of soybeans for which it solicits a Certificate of Protection.

ASSIGNMENT OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, COKER'S PEDIGREED SEED COMPANY, a South Carolina corporation ("Coker's"), having its offices at 900 Darlington Highway, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550, has adopted and used and is the sole and exclusive owner of certain United States Plant Variety Protection Certificates and similar rights under laws of countries other than the United States as listed in Exhibit A hereto:

WHEREAS, COKER'S PEDIGREED SEED CO. and NORTHRUP KING CO., a Delaware corporation ("NK"), have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated July 20, 1988, providing for the purchase and sale of substantially all of the assets and business of Coker's and the assumption of certain of Coker's liabilities and obligations by NK; and

WHEREAS, NK desires to acquire the right, title and interest in, to and under the Plant Variety Protection Certificates listed on Exhibit A hereto and the pending applications hereto (collectively, the "Plant Variety Protection Certificates").

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Coker's hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over to NK the Plant Variety Protection Certificates. Coker's further agrees, at no cost to it, to execute and deliver to NK, upon the request of NK, any further instrument of assignment that may be necessary to effectuate the transfer of each Plant Variety Protection Certificate.

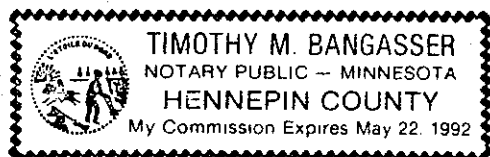
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Coker's has caused this instrument to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the 20th day of July, 1988.

By: E. Joe Dahmer
E. Joe Dahmer
President

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

On this 26th day of July, 1988, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, the undersigned officer, E. Joe Dahmer, personally appeared and acknowledged himself to be the President of Coker's Pedigreed Seed Co., and that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 20th day of July,
1988.



Yvethy M. Bagnasser
Notary Public

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EXHIBIT A

Plant Variety Protection Certificates (Section 5.15(a)(ii)):

Soybean Varieties

<u>Variety Name</u>	<u>U.S. Plant Variety Certificate Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Term (Yrs.)</u>
Coker Hampton 266A	7100022	Sept. 6, 1973	17
Coker 136	7300091	Oct. 18, 1973	17
Coker 338	7400058	Oct. 29, 1976	17
Coker 237	7800034	July 13, 1978	17
Coker 488	7800035	July 13, 1978	17
Coker 156	7900043	Nov. 27, 1979	17
Coker 317	8100095	Nov. 19, 1981	18
Coker 368	8200140	Aug. 31, 1983	18
Coker 425	8400077	May 31, 1985	18
Coker 485	8400078	May 31, 1985	18
Coker 393	8400018	Jan. 25, 1985	18
Coker 355 (XP5878)	8400019	Jan. 25, 1985	18
Coker 627	8700001	May 29, 1987	18
Coker 686	8700035	May 29, 1987	18
6738	8700158	March 31, 1988	18
6727	8700157	Sept. 30, 1987	18
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